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1. ONE FACTOR WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING US SUPPORT FOR THE UNIDO FORUM IS THE BENEFIT TO INDO-US RELATIONS A STRONG US ENDORSEMENT WOULD HAVE. MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES GEORGE FERNANDES HAS ALREADY SPOKEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT HOLDING SUCH A CONFERENCE IN INDIA TO THE AMBASSADOR. HE SPECIFICALLY VOICED HIS HOPE FOR JOINT COLLABORATION WITH THE US ON APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY.

2. MIN FINANCE JOINT SECRETARY JUNEJA HAS INFORMED ECONCOUNSELOR THAT THE DATES HAVE LAREADY BEEN SET: NOVEMBER 20-25
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FOR "WORKING LEVEL" MEETING AND NOVEMBER 28-30 FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING. GOI EXPECTS ABOUT FORTY MINISTERS TO ATTEND.

3. AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP UNDER THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUB-COMMISSION. THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO TIME THE FIRST MEETING OF THAT GROUPNPO COIN-

CIDE WITH THE UNIDO FORUM (JUNEJA'S REMARKS ON INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL). IF WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS NEW GROUP, THAT KIND OF LINKAGE WILL IMPROVE THE GROUP'S IMPACT AND RAISE OUR PROFILE AT THE FORUM AS CONTRIBUTING TO DESIRABLE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS AREA ON A BILATERAL BASIS IS ALSO REFLECTED IN OUR INTENTION TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD UNDER THE PROPOSED AID FY 78 GRANT FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

4. UNIDO MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT US GRANT IN THE FORM OF INDIAN RUPEES FROM US EXCESS CURRENCY ACCOUNTS, SINCE LOCAL COSTS FOR A MEETING OF THE SIZE ENVISIONED BY GOI WILL PROBABLY BE HIGH.
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